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Dear Herr Zinsinger:

Pursuant to your letter dated May 2, 2007, we have prepared and filed a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement with the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-referenced patent application on May 15, 2007. A copy of the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Steven T. Zuschlag

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In order to fulfill the requirements of candor and good faith set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants submit herewith the following Information Disclosure Statement in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98.

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The above-referenced documents are listed on Form PTO-1449. We have enclosed the cited documents to facilitate reference to them.

The references listed above were all recently cited in a Russian Search Report issued in a corresponding Russian patent application. Note that U.S. Patent No. 5,759,420 corresponds to Russian Publication No. RU2150392.

This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of the first Office Action. Accordingly, no fee is due.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments relating to the present application, he or she is respectfully invited to contact Applicants' attorney at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,

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